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SUBJECT: KOREAN QUESTION AT 30TH UNGA: NIGERIA

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(USUN 4916)

1. USUN REPORT (REFTEL A) THAT NIGERIA HAS DECIDED ABSTAIN ACROSS BOARD ON KOREAN RESOLUTIONS WELCOME NEWS HERE. IN MOST RECENT CONVERSATIONS WITH MEA OFFICIALS, WE, CANADIANS AND JAPANESE HAVE NOTED SOFTENING IN PREVIOUS NEGATIVE RESPONSES TO OUR ARGUMENTATION, BUT TO DATE NO RPT NO MEA OFFICIAL HAS STATED FLATLY THAT NIGERIA WOULD ABSTAIN.

2. OBEBE, ACTING DIRECTOR MEA'S INTERNATILA ORGANIZATION DEPARTMENT, TOLD EMBOFF OVER WEEKEND THAT NIGERIAN POSITION "FLEXIBLE."

ASKED WHAT THAT MEANT, HE RESPONDED "KOREA IS FAR AWAY" AND MUMBLED SOMETHING ABOUT NIGERIA'S DESIRE NOT RPT NOT TO BECOME INVOLVED IN QUESTIONS OF DIVIDED COUNTRIES. HE REFUSED

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BE DRAWN OUT FURTHER. NEVERTHELESS, THIS IS RETREAT FROM EARLIER

COMPLETELY NEGATIVE POSITION (REFTEL C).

3. CANADIAN HICOM WHO MADE DEMARCH RECENTLY, REPORTS THAT MEA MORE RECEPTIVE TO CASE FOR FRIENDLY RESOLUTION THAN HERETOFORE AND THAT CANADIANS GUARDEDLY OPTIMISTIC ABOUT CHANCES FOR MOVING NIGERIA TOWARD ABSTENTION. ACCORDING CANADIANS, JAPANESE AMBASSADOR, WHO HAS ALSO BEEN IN TO MEA WITHIN LAST COUPLE WEEKS, BELIEVES THERE IS POSSIBILITY OF FAVORABLE VOTE ON OUR RESOLUTION.

4. CANADIANS ARE DISINCLINED MAKE ADDITIONAL DEMARCHE HERE (REFTEL B) ON GROUNDS NIGERIANS HAVE BEEN PUSHED ABOUT AS HARD ON THIS ISSUE AS WILL BE PRODUCTIVE. (HICOM IS RECOMMENDING ADDITIONAL LOBBYING IN NEW YORK, HOWEVER, ON GROUNDS ADENIJI WILL MAKE THE FINAL DECISION ON NIGERIA'S VOTE). IF, IN FACT, DEMARCHES BY US, CANADIANS AND JAPANESE HERE PLUS LOBBYING BY USUN HAVE MOVED NIGERIA TO ABSTENTION FROM LAST YEAR'S UNHELPFUL POSITION, WE HAVE ACCOMPLISHED A GREAT DEAL. UNLESS DEPARTMENT OR USUN INSTRUCT US OTHERWISE, THEREFORE, WE PLAN ONE MORE LOW KEY APPROACH (IN ABSENCE OF COMMISSIONER GARBA AND DIRECTORS OF AMERICA AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION DEPARTMENTS) ON FRIDAY TO SEE IF WE CAN OBTAIN CONFIRMATION AT THIS END OF JIMETA'S ABSTENTION PROMISE. WILL MENTION VOTING FOR PRIORITY CONSIDERATION OUR RESOLUTION (REFTEL D), BUT AFTER HAVING COME DOWN HARD FOR ACROSS BOARD ABSTENTIONS (REFTELS B AND C) AND APPARENTLY HAVING HAD SOME SUCCESS, WE HESITANT TO RISK BACKLASH BY INSISTING ON TOO MUCH.
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